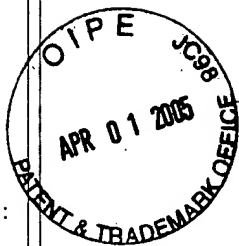


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

A response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated March 21, 2005 is due by April 21, 2005.

The Notice indicates that each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier. Accordingly, in order that the Amendment filed December 21, 2004 be fully compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121, attached hereto is a listing of all of the claims of the subject application, each showing the proper status identifier.

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